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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (P A R A 2 & 3)

REF: BUJUMBURA 486 AND 496; KIGALI 319

1. REPORTS OF REPRISALS BEGINNING COME IN. WHILE
DETAILS PROBABLY NOT FULLY ACCURATE, LIKELY SOME BASIS
IN FACT. UNCLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT, IF ANY, THESE ACTS
ORDERED OR APPROVED BY CENTRAL AUTHORITIES.

2. RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE, ON BASIS
CONVERSATION BETWEEN MAN HE CONSIDERS RELIABLE AND
MUHUTU CURE IN RUYIGI, STATES TWO HUNDRED BODIES IN
HOLE BEHIND RUYIGI TOWN PRISON. KILLING
RUMORED TO HAVE BEGUN PRIOR TO ATTACKS IN SOUTH
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MAY 11 ON BASIS ACCUSATIONS THOSE KILLED HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM REFUGEES IN TANZANIA. ACTIVITY SEMI- CLANDESTINE AND HUTUS OF AREA APPARENTLY NOT YET GENERALLY AWARE WHAT HAPPENING. SIX- TO- SIX CURFEW IN FORCE THROUGHOUT PROVINCE AND CARS OFTEN SEARCHED AT ROADBLOCKS.

3. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES IT EVIDENT THAT JRR HAS BEEN ORGANIZING NIGHT PARTOLS IN AFRICAN QUARTERS OF BUJUMBURA FOR PAST SEVERAL NIGHTS. IN SOME AREAS THIS SEEMS TO HAVE DEREGNERATED INTO KILLING OF ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS ENCOUNTERED, PARTICULARLY HUTUS. ONE HUTU PASSING AS TUTSI INFORMED HIS EUROPEAN EMPLOYER THAT DURING NIGHT MAY 16-17 HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN GROUP WHICH CREATED TRUCKLOAD OF CORPSES. ANOTHER MURUNDI SOURCE STATES POLICE ARRESTING HUTUS INDISCRIMINATELY.

4. UNDP RES REP STATES JRR BECOMING ACTIVE IN MUYINGA. SAYS HE TOLD LEADERS BURUNDI MILITARY THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL, I. E., TO KEEP JRR FROM RUNNING WILD.

5. COMMENT: GRB MAY BRING MATTERS BACK UNDER CONTROL ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, BUT THIS FAR FROM CERTAIN. HOWEVER, ONLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT VOICES IT LIKELY LISTEN TO WHICH MIGHT CONCEIVABLY INTERVENE THOSE OF MOBUTU AND OAU. EVEN TO THEM IT WOULD PROBABLY DENY REPORTS OF REPRISALS, BUT IT MIGHT ALSO DO MORE TO STOP THE M. KEITER

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